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1. The following troop trains were observed at the Wittenberge railroad station between 2 and 10 June 1954:

C/B - converted boxcar
B - boxcar
F - flatcar

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Date in June	Number of Cars	From	To
2	5 C/B, 15 F with personnel, mostly women soldiers, and ambulances	Wittstock	Magdeburg
9	4 C/B, 3 B, 22 F with soldiers, 16 rocket launchers, and 14 vehicles	Schwerin	Dranse
10	3 F with vehicles,	Grabow	Koenigswusterhausen

2. Troop trains observed at the Rathenow railroad station between 6 and 10 June included:

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Date in June	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
6	11 B, 38 F with 18 armored scout cars, 7 artillery pieces, and 25 trucks	Altengrabow	Bernau
7	22 B, 34 F	Altengrabow	Bernau
8	8 B, 9 F with 6 x 37-mm AA guns, and 7 trucks	Neuruppin	Jueterbog
10	13 B, 37 F	Templin	Altengrabow
	12 B, 30 F with 5 x 37-mm AA guns, 6 armored scout cars, and 35 trucks	Templin	Altengrabow

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1. Comment. [redacted] the ambulances belonged to army troops of the Third Shock Army.

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2. Comment. Elements of the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Htz Rifle Corps from Schwerin conducted firing practices with live ammunition in the Die Lewitz training area north of Ludwigslust between about 2 and 12 June 1954. The present report indicates, that contingents of this regiment also moved to the Witstock troop training grounds.

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3. Comment. The motor vehicles belonged to a unit of the Third Shock Army. The troop train probably came from the area of the 94th Gds Htz Rifle Div. Grabow was only transit station between the Schwerin and Wittenberge railroad subdistricts.

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4. Comment. [redacted] . Previous observations led to the assumption that the two troop trains carried only AA guns which belonged to the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Mech Div. The armored scout cars probably also conducted combat firing at the Altengrabow troop training grounds.

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5. Comment. This troop train has been repeatedly reported.

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6. Comment. [redacted] Following the return of AA guns and armored scout cars of the 6th Gds Mech Div to Bernau, similar contingents of the 25th Tank Div also transferred to Altengrabow for combat firing practiced.

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